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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): INFORMATION ACCESS METHOD AND NETWORK SYSTEM

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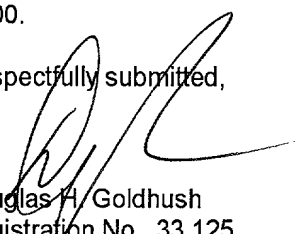
- ☒ 53 pages of Specification/Claims 1-16/Abstract are attached.
- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-24(e); 23 sheets) are attached.
- ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Sumitomo Heavy Industries, Ltd. is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.
- ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
- ☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2000-140824 filed May 12, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- ☒ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

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